

House File 215

H-1033

1 Amend House File 215 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 2 through 33 and  
3 inserting:  
4 <IOWA LEARNING ONLINE INITIATIVE — APPROPRIATIONS  
5 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 32, paragraph  
6 a, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
7 a. Adopt rules for online learning in accordance  
8 with sections 256.41, ~~256.42~~, and 256.43, and criteria  
9 for waivers granted pursuant to section ~~256.42~~ 273.28.  
10 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. NEW SECTION. 273.28 Iowa learning online  
11 initiative.  
12 1. An Iowa learning online initiative is  
13 established to be administered by the area education  
14 agencies to partner with school districts and  
15 accredited nonpublic schools to provide distance  
16 education to high school students statewide. The area  
17 education agencies shall utilize a variety of content  
18 repositories, including those maintained by the public  
19 broadcasting division, in administering the initiative.  
20 2. The initiative shall include an online learning  
21 program model designed to prepare teachers to meet the  
22 needs of students in an online learning environment,  
23 including but not limited to building community  
24 interaction and support, developing strategies for  
25 working with virtual students, and assessing virtual  
26 students.  
27 3. Coursework offered under the initiative  
28 shall be taught by a teacher licensed  
29 under chapter 272 who has completed an  
30 online-learning-for-Iowa-educators-professional-  
31 development project offered by area education agencies,  
32 a teacher preservice program, or comparable coursework.  
33 4. Each participating school district and  
34 accredited nonpublic school shall submit its online  
35 curricula to its area education agency for review.  
36 Each participating school district and accredited  
37 nonpublic school shall include in its comprehensive  
38 school improvement plan submitted pursuant to section  
39 256.7, subsection 21, a list and description of the  
40 online coursework offered by the district.  
41 5. Under the initiative, students must be enrolled  
42 in a participating school district or accredited  
43 nonpublic school, which is responsible for recording  
44 grades received for initiative coursework in a  
45 student's permanent record, awarding high school credit  
46 for initiative coursework, and issuing high school  
47 diplomas to students enrolled in the district or school  
48 who participate and complete coursework under the  
49 initiative. Each participating school shall identify a  
50 site coordinator to serve as a student advocate and as

1 a liaison between the initiative staff and teachers and  
2 the school district or accredited nonpublic school.

3 6. Coursework offered under the initiative shall  
4 be rigorous and high quality, and the area education  
5 agencies shall annually evaluate the quality of the  
6 courses, ensure that coursework is aligned with the  
7 state's core curriculum and core content requirements  
8 and standards, as well as national standards of  
9 quality for online courses issued by an internationally  
10 recognized association for kindergarten through grade  
11 twelve online learning.

12 7. The department may waive for one year the  
13 provisions of section 256.11, subsection 5, which  
14 require that specified subjects be offered and taught  
15 by professional staff of a school district or school,  
16 if the school district or school makes every reasonable  
17 and good faith effort to employ a teacher licensed  
18 under chapter 272 for such a subject, and the school  
19 district or school proves to the satisfaction of the  
20 department that the school district or school is unable  
21 to employ such a teacher. The specified subject shall  
22 be provided by the initiative.

23 8. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
24 the state to the department, for the following fiscal  
25 years, the following amounts, to be transferred to the  
26 area education agencies to be used for administering  
27 this section:

28 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013,  
29 and ending June 30, 2014, the sum of one million five  
30 hundred thousand dollars.

31 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014,  
32 and ending June 30, 2015, the sum of one million five  
33 hundred thousand dollars.

34 c. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015,  
35 and ending June 30, 2016, the sum of one million five  
36 hundred thousand dollars.

37 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 256.42, Code 2013, is  
38 repealed.>

39 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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